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In Re Application of:

SHIRLEY *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/187,661

Group Art Unit: 1653

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Sir:

This communication accompanies the request for Continued Prosecution Application in the above-referenced application. The applicants' petition filed on June 5, 2000 and supplemented December 21, 2001 to correct the filing date to November 6, 1998 instead of November 5, 1998 was dismissed by the Office of Petitions on January 30, 2002. The Office identified further evidence required to file a request for reconsideration. In order to collect the necessary evidence and provide the Office with time required to consider the request for reconsideration, the applicants have filed this CPA. Aside from the correction of the filing date, the applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance.

Please direct all further written communications regarding this application to:

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